

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 ~~1~~. (Currently amended) A garment for slimming and smoothing the appearance of a woman's crotch and thighs, comprising:

a pair of pants having a lower torso receiving portion, an upper waistband, two leg portions, an inseam along each leg portion, and a crotch seam between the inseams;

a quadrilaterally-shaped crotch panel comprising two panels sewn together, disposed forward of the crotch seam and between the inseams;
and

pants closure means extending generally from the crotch panel to the waistband.

2 ~~2~~. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a zipper.

3 ~~3~~. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a lace-up construction.

4 ~~4~~. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means includes two panels extending from the crotch panel to the waistband.

5 ~~5~~. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein the waistband includes a closure.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

~~6~~⁷ ~~8~~. (Original) The garment of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the pants is made of a first material and the crotch panel is made of a second material.

~~7~~⁷ ~~9~~. (Currently amended) A garment for slimming and smoothing the appearance of a woman's crotch and thighs, comprising:

a pair of pants having a lower torso receiving portion, two leg portions, an inseam along each leg portion, a crotch seam between the inseams, and an upper waistband including a closure;

a quadrilaterally-shaped crotch panel comprising two panels sewn together, disposed forward of the crotch seam and between the inseams; and

pants closure means comprising two panels extending generally from the crotch panel to the waistband.

~~8~~⁷ ~~10~~. (Original) The garment of claim ~~9~~⁷, wherein the closure means comprises a zipper.

~~9~~⁷ ~~11~~. (Original) The garment of claim ~~9~~⁷, wherein the closure means comprises a lace-up construction.

~~10~~⁷ ~~12~~. (Original) The garment of claim ~~9~~⁷, wherein the closure means includes two panels that extend from the crotch panel to the waistband.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

~~11~~⁷ ~~15~~. (Original) The garment of claim 9, wherein at least a portion of the pants is made of a first material and the crotch panel is made of a second material.